



Q1 Report
APRIL 2022

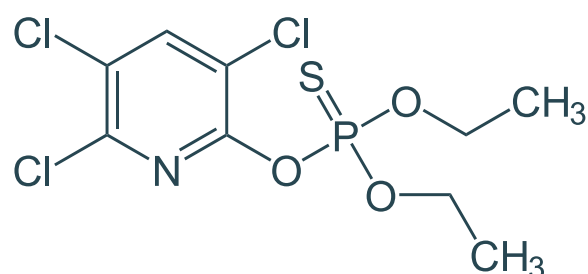
Recall Recap

In Q1 2022 there were:

1,153
Recalls

92 Class I Recalls
50 Class II Recalls
14 Class III Recalls

15%
Prepared Meals
Recalls



High Chlorpyrifos Levels Prompt Recalls in Europe

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has classified chlorpyrifos, a pesticide and insecticide, as a possible human carcinogen that has been linked to genotoxicity and developmental neurotoxicity; on August 30, 2021, the EPA published a final rule revoking tolerances for the pesticide in the United States. In Europe, the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) of chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl in food and feed was reduced to the lowest level that can be measured by analytical laboratories. FoodTrack reported 29 alerts due to illegal levels of chlorpyrifos in Europe throughout Q1 2022. Of the reports seen so far, the recalled products are predominantly fruits and vegetable crops and byproducts where the levels of the pesticide detected exceeds the legal limit.

While there have only been a few dozen reports due to excessive chlorpyrifos so far, we are keeping on an eye out to see if this expands in the same manner that ethylene oxide recalls have over the past two years. Since September 2020, FoodTrack has reported over 5,000 recalls related to excessive levels of ethylene oxide, another heavily regulated pesticide that impacted dozens of countries.

